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### **AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT**

An inventory management system for evaluating delivery execution ratio of a component part supplier is established between computers of a product manufacturer and at least one component part supplier over a network connection. The inventory management system can regularly calculate a delivery execution ratio of each component part supplier based on estimated product demand sent by a product manufacturer, quantity of product promised by the component part supplier in response to the estimate product demand, and actual delivery of the promised quantity of product by the component part supplier.